

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16 & 17, 2019

From the desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, we are about one-third of the way thru our time of "exile" from our church. It seems that the renovation work is progressing nicely. I wish to thank all those who called to memorialize items for our new sanctuary. At the time of writing this article, only the processional candle sticks for the sides of the altar remain on the list to memorialize.

I mentioned at the beginning of our project that things would come up that would require our attention. When I spoke those words I suppose I was thinking of physical things needing repair or replacement. We have run across some of those types of items. Last week I became aware of a spiritual matter that requires our attention and reflection.

In the last week or two, I have had many conversations with people about Mass in the Ministry Center. Some people actually like the experience. Almost everyone has commented that the sound system in the Ministry Center is far better than the one in our church. Some people have told me that they haven't been able to hear in church for years and in the Ministry Center they can hear just fine. Some people do not like attending Mass in the Ministry Center. I can certainly understand that. We are used to celebrating in a church building and not a gymnasium.

Heart-To-Heart Food Drive Thank You!

On behalf of the Family Faith Formation Office and St. Vincent De Paul Society, thank you for your generosity.

Last week I celebrated a funeral for one of our founding parishioners. His family clearly was disappointed that the Mass could not be in the Church which was close to their father's heart and close to their family, but they also said, "Where else would we go - this is our parish." This is an awesome attitude! These experiences have called me to reflect on the nature of parish family life.

I have learned that some people refuse to come to the Ministry Center for Mass and we have had a number of parishioners who have passed away whose families have not even notified us of the death let alone come to St. Greg's for the funeral Mass because it would be in the Ministry Center. This saddens me.

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Presidents' Day

On Monday, February 18, all Parish Offices, including Family Faith, School and Youth Ministry will be closed. There will be only one Mass celebrated on President's Day, at 8:00 am.

WEATHER-RELATED PARISH SCHEDULE

Please note that if the school is closed due to inclement weather and the faculty and students do not report, the Parish Offices are not immediately closed. It will be up to the discretion of the Pastor if the Parish will close and all activities will be cancelled (including Adoration). Please check TV/radio listings for activity cancellation.

(From the desk of the Pastor Continued)

As we continue to go through this time of displacement, maybe we can take some time to reflect on which is more important: the community of people or the buildings of the parish? Getting to know other people in our parish family is a particular challenge for a parish of our size and nature. Many old city or neighborhood parishes had a natural community as people lived, worked, went to school, and worshipped together. I suppose the same is true today, but the number of people involved has changed and the very nature of what we value in life has changed. What is the focus of your life?

This Sunday we hear the Gospel of Luke's version of the Beatitudes. Although there are many similarities in comparison to Matthew's version of the Sermon on the Mount, Luke writes in a different way. He essentially divides them in half and we hear of the blessings and of the woes. The first reading from Jeremiah and the Psalm (Psalm 1) and the Gospel basically give a choice between two focuses of life. On one hand we hear of the righteous who hope in the Lord and take delight in following His law. On the other hand we hear about the wicked who put their trust in human beings and not in God. We hear the righteous flourish and the wicked wither and die. What is the focus of your life? Ultimately you become what you focus upon. Do you focus on self-sufficiency and personal strength and success, or do you focus on living in the hope and trust of the Gospel. Luke in his Gospel is a master of reversal and we see it especially here in the Beatitudes. It is poverty that ultimately gives us a great treasure. What do you focus upon?

I am reminded of Bishop Malone's homily from Confirmation last year. He told a story of a group of young mothers of Kindergarten students on the first day of school. He said he was having coffee with them as he visited the school on the opening day. He said one mother spoke of big career plans and great university plans for her child. This sparked a few other moms to talk about the same big plans for their children.

Our Bishop mentioned there was one woman who was particularly quiet. Eventually she was asked about her hopes and plans for her children. She said that although she also hoped her children would be successful in education and career, her real hope was that they would be properly prepared for eternal life in Heaven. That was her real focus.

We all spend time on physical things, careers, education and community endeavors, and these are good things, but is that the focus of our life, or is the focus eternal life? We cannot do both with the same priority. One will be primary and the other secondary. If we focus on eternal life, we will most likely also be successful in a career and education, but ultimately we will not be trapped by physical things but find true joy in Jesus Christ our Savior. Many search for happiness all their life, but true joy is even better and is at our fingertips if only we focus upon it. What do you focus upon?

May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Feb. 18: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13
Tues. Feb. 19: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21
Wed. Feb. 20 : Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26
Thurs. Feb. 21: Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33
Fri. Feb. 22: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
Sat. Feb. 23: Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13
Sun. Feb. 24: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 (81C); 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reaching out to others

Reading I	I Jeremiah 17:5-8 (true wisdom)
Reading II	1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 (the resurrection and faith)
Gospel	Luke 6:17, 20-26 (the great discourse)
Key Passage	Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." (Luke 6:20)

Adult: In what way are you serving the poor, as Jesus did?

Child: When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad or hungry, or whom others made fun of?

Family Faith Formation

FFF Office Hours are Monday - Friday, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session.

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events and Registration Information:

February Outreach: Heart-to-Heart Food Drive.

Winter Break February 16-- 24 NO Classes. Office Closed.



FFF Fifth Graders and their moms at a special Moms Valentine Tea that began with a Prayer Service. (pictured above)



A mother holds her children's hands for a while... their hearts forever.
- Author Unknown



God Bless our Moms

Sacramental Information

The Sacrament of First Penance will be held on Tuesday, February 26, at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center.

Confirmation Interviews will be held on March 30 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the School Cafeteria and on April 2 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the School Gym.

Confirmation Rehearsal: This year, there will be only ONE **Confirmation Rehearsal**, to be held on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:45 pm in the Church. **Confirmation Rehearsal** should be attended by the candidate and their sponsor. A parent can stand in for out of town sponsors so that they can provide direction for the sponsor prior to Confirmation night.

Confirmation Dates have been scheduled as follows: Tuesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Emails were sent to candidates with their assigned date of Confirmation.

Catechist Corner

Catechist Training Requirements: As part of the new Diocesan requirements, each Catechist must engage in eight hours of training per year. To that end, you can register for the following workshops that are free but require registration. Call Doris (716) 847-5501 to register or for more information. Register online at www.buffalodiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/welcome

From Classroom Teacher to Group Facilitator: Is Anyone Learning Anything? *Effective strategies to properly balance discussion, sharing, and learning about the Catholic faith. In this interactive session discover how to make the most of the time you have with a group – whether adults or youth.*

- February 13, 6:30 -8:30 pm, Ascension, Batavia
- April 25, 6:30 -8:30 pm, St. Mother Teresa, Depew

Catechist as Missionary Disciple: *Guides the Catechist in personal reflection on importance of being a faith witness.*

- February 7, 6:30 -8:30 pm, Sacred Heart, Lakewood

Cultivating Faith in the Home: *This workshop is practical and designed for those who are curious about how to engage families more deeply in faith growth in the home. Participants are asked to bring \$5.00 to the session to offset the cost of "Forming Families in Faith – Cultivating Catechesis in the Home" by Kathy Hendricks.*

- March 15, 6:30-8:30 pm, Catholic Center in Buffalo
Catholic Center at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY.

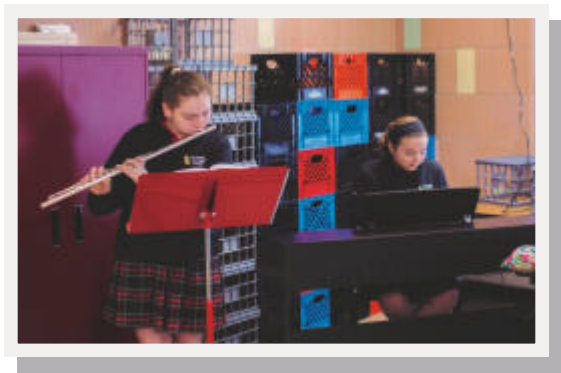
Growing Pains: *This workshop explores research on the physical and social changes that characterize adolescence, followed by discussion on strategies to effectively walk with youth during these years.*

- March 30, 9:30-11:30am, St. Mary of the Angels, Olean,
- April 30, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Andrew, Kenmore

This past week, Ms. Vullo and I had the amazing opportunity to attend a symposium on music in education at Kleinhan's, hosted by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. During the symposium Ms. Vullo and I played the drums, constructed a musical piece with a group of administrators and music educators, and learned about conducting from the Assistant Conductor of the BPO. We learned about the importance of music in education and the many skills it fosters such as listening, creative problem solving, and developing a sense of community. The following day I was able to return, with our students to Kleinhan's to attend a concert for grades 1-4 by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. The concert was interactive and informative, where students learned about an orchestra, the instruments, rhythm, and conducting.

At St. Greg's we are blessed to have many opportunities to nurture students' participation in music. We have a band directed by Paul Effman Music, a school choir directed by Mr. Victoor, Music Director at Mass, students who cantor at Mass, EK-3 musical concert, an a capella group, and class performances in our Early Childhood Program. Ms. Vullo provides a rich musical program for grades PK-8. We are looking forward to continuing to expand opportunities and experiences for students to express themselves musically. Students benefit in so many ways from learning and exploring music throughout their day. We are excited to continue these value experiences for our students!

God Bless, Mrs. Julie Gajewski



**St. Gregory
the Great
School**



Once again our Prayer Partners teamed up to make special Valentines for Veterans at the VA hospital. The Valentines are combined with a goody bag and handed out, in memory of Capt. Robert Bager. Capt. Bager passed away while in the Army at the young age of 25. His birthday was on Valentine's Day.

Our First Graders completed their first readings and responses at Mass this week. We are so proud of each of them. Each student spoke clearly which showed they spent a great deal of time preparing. It takes a lot of courage to stand in front of a group of 500 students, 60 Faculty and many parents and parishioners.



Youth Ministry

Adam Jarosz: ajarosz@stgregs.org; Nicole Janeczek: njaneczek@stgregs.org; Richard Patti: rpatti@stgregs.org
~ 688-3578

Ignite- February 19, 26

Our brand-new 5 and 6 grade group meets every week from **6:00-7:30pm on Tuesdays**. Join us for fun, games, faith, and food! Don't miss it!

EDGE- February 21, 28

Our amazing 7 and 8 Grade group is back and better than ever! Join us every **Thursday at 6:30pm** for a night full of crazy games, engaging talks, great music and more! Come and bring a friend!

Ultimate- February 22

Ultimate is open everyone in 5-8 grade! Join us at **7:00pm** as middle-schoolers take over the Ministry Center for a night full of awesome games, great food, and more! Don't miss it!

If you have any questions about Middle School Youth Ministry, feel free to contact Nicole!

High School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Life Teen- February 17, 24

Every **Sunday after the 4:30pm** mass, join our amazing high-school community for a night of food, friends, and fun! Life Teen offers an engaging way to learn about the Catholic Faith, while managing to have fun at the same time! All high-schoolers are welcome!

SWAT Team- February 20, 27

Are you looking to dive deeper into your faith? Do you want to learn more about prayer and Scripture? Then this group is for you! **Wednesdays at 7:00pm** join us for prayer, discussion and snacks! If you have any questions about High-School Ministry, feel free to contact Richard.

Amped: *NEW* is an ongoing program which builds community and develops faith for young adults. Meet someone new, learn something great, and discuss something relevant. No need to sign up or pay; bring a friend. We'll gather in the Café 7:00-8:30pm, **check the website for dates.**

Mass and Lunch: #YoungAdultWednesdays continue! Take a break from the school or workday and join for daily Mass at noon and break bread with us in the Café with some lunch. If you see a pew of young adults, come sit with us!

Music Ministry

Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, February 19
in GR2

The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 17

Adult Choir for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, February 19, in GR2

Easter Triduum Choir
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, February 26, in GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesdays, March 5, March 12,
& March 19 in GR2

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 2, in GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Wednesday, April 10, in GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 16, in the Church

For more information about the various ensembles, please check the Music Ministry page on the parish website, or contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308.

COME JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)

FRY-DAY NIGHT
Lenten
FISH FRY

St. Gregory the Great
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DATES: MARCH 8, 15, 22, & 29 AND APRIL 5 & 12

TIME: 4:00PM - 7:00 PM

FRIED FISH, BREADED SHRIMP or FRESH BAKED FISH provided by Krolick's;

PIZZA by LaPorta FOR \$2
ALL ENTREES WITH SIDES, DRINK AND DESSERT

TICKETS ARE \$11.00 PRE-SALE, \$12.00 AT THE DOOR
EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT

St. Gregory the Great School
250 St. Gregory Court
Williamsville, NY 14221
Off Maple Rd near Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital

MINISTRY DATES HOSTING FISH FRY:

MARCH 8TH - MISSION TEAMS
MARCH 15TH - YOUTH MINISTRY
MARCH 22ND - FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
MARCH 29TH - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
APRIL 5TH - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
APRIL 12TH - HSA

Mission Trip - Spots Still Available!

There are still a few openings available for our mission trip to Moneague, Jamaica this July 13-20, 2019. If you are interested please contact Elizabeth Astridge at stgregsmisiontrip@gmail.com.

“Do This In Remembrance of Me”

Jesus said these words when He instituted the Eucharist. We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers). Please contact Jo Pierino at the Parish Office 688-5678. Ext. 301.

VOCATION VIEW

Proclaiming the Lord’s name and love is not always easy, and sometimes must be done in the face of persecution. Still, God promises that those who bear insult for the sake of His name will be rewarded greatly in Heaven. How is God calling you to proclaim His name and love? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website – www.buffalovocations.org!

LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, February 25, at 1:00 pm in the Café. Our charitable focus will be GOMOC and Father Barth and the Maryknolls. Our next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, March 4. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.

MEN OF GOD

Men of God (MOG) is a Spirituality Group for Men 21 years and over that meets monthly for fellowship, praying the Rosary, and group discussion. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, February 20, from 7:00-9:00 pm in GR 1.** Please bring a friend, a brother, a dad, an uncle or cousin for this special night. For more information please contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or raygeska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffcrd@aol.com.

GRIEF & LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Our topic is “Gift of Memorialization: Special Dates.” All are welcome - you do not need to be a parishioner. This presentation will offer insight on how our God is present to us in the midst of our pain.

Summer Experience for Youth

Camp Covecrest- July 21-28

We are now collecting deposits for Camp Covecrest! Camp Covecrest is an unforgettable week in the summer with a high-ropes course, whitewater rafting, fantastic music, great speakers and more! Spots are limited so bring your deposit to the Youth Ministry Office today to save your spot! More information can be found on the website!

St. Greg’s Café

DON’T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

DON’T HAVE TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

Stop in the St. Greg’s Café and let us cook for you. Enjoy egg sandwiches, pastries, bagels and Fair Trade organic coffee.

Forgot Your Lunch ?

Join us for soup, salads, paninis and delicious sandwiches, or take it back to your office!

PIZZA NIGHT!

Working late at the office and don’t want to cook? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

HELP NEEDED AT THE CAFÉ!

Enrich Your Life. Join our “family” of volunteers at the Café. By serving in this ministry for as little as three hours a week, you will enjoy camaraderie and have a real sense of fulfillment. Contact Margaret at 688-5678, ext. 322.

SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS” FROM FR. FRANCIS

A pastor was asked to inform a man with a heart condition that he had just inherited a million dollars. Everyone was afraid the shock would cause a heart attack and the man would die. The Pastor went to the man’s house and said, “Joe what would you do if you inherited a million dollars?” Joe responded, “Well, Pastor, I think I would give half of it to the parish.” And the pastor fell over dead.

Marriage Moment

“Love is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, but rejoices with the truth...” (1 Cor. 13:6) Which of these qualities of love best describes your beloved?

Parenting Perspective

Sometimes parents of young adults (15-30+) struggle with what appears to be a lack of faith in their offspring. Consider, “Sometimes you must lose faith to find it.” Your child may have to let go of “inherited faith” and eventually reflect on what is missing in their life.



Respect Life

“Day of Mourning,” Saturday, February 23:

In opposition to 46 years of state-sanctioned killing of the unborn, Pro-Life leaders across the US are designating Saturday, February 23, as a “Day of Mourning.” Organized events with speakers are taking place in cities nation-wide.

In New York, there will be a formal gathering in Albany from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. Admission is free, but registration is required due to limited seating.

New Yorkers who can't attend in Albany are still asked to participate in some way that day, e.g. wear black, don't shop (limiting the collection of state taxes for that day), fast from food or some favored activity, and pray in reparation for the millions of lives lost through abortion.

With the passage of the Reproductive Health Act, the state of New York voted to expand abortion access right up to birth. Appallingly, this horrific act was celebrated with cheering and by lighting the One World Trade Center in pink. Clearly, it is time to repent and pray for the conversion of our society before it's too late. **For more information go to dayofmourning.org.**

“I appreciate the non-sectarian way you present yourselves and your work, based on the truth of the good of life, which is a human and civil value and... should be recognized by all people of good will, of any religion or creed. In your cultural action you have testified frankly that those who have been conceived are children of the whole of society. ***“Their killing in huge numbers, with the endorsement of States, is a serious problem that undermines the foundations of the construction of justice, compromising the proper solution of any other human and social issue.”*** --Pope Francis, Address to the Italian Pro-Life Movement (2/3/19)

Senior Citizens

The February Meeting has been cancelled due to Church construction.

Tuesday, February 26; Seneca Niagara Casino, Customer Appreciation Event, \$26 per person, \$30/Slot Dollars and free lunch buffet. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 9:00 am and returns at 4:00 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required. For information, call Virginia Vasko at 903-0504.

March 11 - St. Patrick Luncheon, Sean Patrick's, 1:00 pm, \$20/member & \$25/guest. Choice of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Chicken Marsala or Baked Haddock. Mail check and meal choice to Dolores Mason at St. Gregory's by March 4.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, February 17

5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Café/Basement)

Monday, February 18

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)

Tuesday, February 19

5:00 pm Youth Ministry Amped (MC Café)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (MC 3)

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite/Zag (School Gym)

Wednesday, February 20

7:30 am Finance Council Meeting (GR 1)

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Café)

6:30 pm Hearts Afire Meeting (GR 2)

7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (School Room 702)

7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 2)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

Thursday, February 21

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1&2)

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Edge/Zag (MC Basement/Cafe)

Friday, February 22

6:00 pm AHG Troop Meeting

(School Caf/Gym/Library)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Ultimate (MC Café/Basement)

Saturday, February 23

12:00 pm Parish Rosary (MC 3)

5:30 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (MC 2)

Sunday, February 24

5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Café/Basement)

Lent is Coming

Lent will be here soon so mark your calendar for the 29th annual Lenten Lecture Series, sponsored by the parishes of the Northern Erie County Vicariate. The series is conducted over five Mondays beginning March 11. This year's theme focuses on **The Eucharist**. Each evening we will have a speaker who will explore several different aspects of The Eucharist to enrich our understanding, prayer experience and daily life. Why give up something for Lent when you can do something positive for your spiritual growth? Plan to come and bring a friend. No cost. No reservations required. Refreshments served! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @necvicariate.

Second-Hand Watches, Clocks & Jewelry Collection Drive

St. Vincent De Paul Society will be collecting **Second Hand Watches, Clocks & Jewelry** at all Masses on Saturday, February 23, and Sunday, February 24, in the Ministry Center. All donations are for the St. Vincent De Paul not-for-profit store.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“The fruit of silence is PRAYER, the fruit of prayer is FAITH, the fruit of faith is LOVE, the fruit of love is SERVICE, the fruit of service is PEACE.” (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS THE PLACE TO FIND COMFORT AND PEACE ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME. OFFER A HOLY HOUR BEFORE OUR LORD FOR OUR CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Adorers are needed for all times and days. Please call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478 with a time that is convenient for you, or for more information on Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gregory the Great.

Our Adoration Chapel is in need of the following scheduled adorers:

SUNDAYS 6:00-7:00 pm and 8:00-9:00 pm
MONDAYS 6:00-7:00 pm

Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

YOU ARE INVITED to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home for one week, with the commitment to offer the Rosary daily during that week. Since most of us are unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Our Lady, with characteristic humility and love, reverses the process. She becomes the pilgrim. The spiritual benefits of the "Pilgrim Virgin" are numerous. Consider this wonderful opportunity to invite our Blessed Mother into your home. For more information, please call Donna at 688-5989.

Coffee Breaks with God

Join us on Saturday, March 2
from 9:15 am - 10:15 am
in the School Art Room

Our speaker, Dawn Iaconno
will present,
"Refilling Your Spiritual Cup"



Mrs. Dawn M. Iaconno
Catholic Christian Ministry Speaker · Certified Pastoral Minister
Former Director of Office of Pro-Life Activities Diocese of Buffalo, NY
Former Teacher Sacramental Theology/ Morality at Holy Angels Academy
Former Teacher at Our Lady of Hope, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy
Currently Adult Faith Formation and Outreach Director, St. Leo the Great

Baby sitting is available upon request. Please call the FFF Office by 12noon (688-5760) on the Wednesday prior to the Coffee Breaks you will attend.

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• Follow us on Twitter @StGregsBuffalo
• Download the St. Greg's Mobile App.

Eucharistic Minister Training

Share your love of the Eucharist. Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? There will be a Eucharistic Minister training session on Saturday, March 9, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at Christ the King Seminary. To register, please call Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678.

OUT OF PARISH

Brothers of Mercy Speaker Events:

Join us for these FREE informational seminars and light refreshments held at Brothers of Mercy's Montabaur Heights (4530 Ransom Road in Clarence) **February 18th: Living with Dementia: Dr. Natalie Gugino, MD | 6:30 - 7:30pm**, Dr. Gugino will lead a discussion of the different types of dementia, emotional and psychological effect, treatments, medications and more. A Question & Answer session will follow the presentation. **February 25 : Heart Health: Dr. Joanne Cobler, MD | 6:30 - 7:30pm**. Dr. Cobler will lead a discussion of heart symptoms, risk factors and diagnosis. A Question & Answer session will follow the presentation.

Catholic Women's Conference 2019-"Nourished by Christ" at St. Mary's High School in Lancaster (across from Our Lady of Pompeii Church) Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 am Registration / 8:00am Mass. The speakers will be Sonja Corbitt, Catholic speaker/writer/podcaster at www.biblestudyevangelista.com, and Rev. David Richards, pastor of Our Lady of Pompeii. Tickets are \$20.00 which includes continental breakfast. In addition to the speakers, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for Confession. **For information call 716-222-0622 or go to www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org.**

New York Yankees vs. Cleveland Indians. Saturday, June 8th. The bus will be leaving St. Amelia Church parking lot at 11:30am for a 4:15pm ballgame. We will return immediately following the game (approx. 11:00pm) Cost of the trip is \$110 per person and includes: transportation, gratuity & tickets to the game in our own private suite, unlimited food and non-alcoholic beverages from before the game until 1 hour after the first pitch. Drinks, snack and dessert remain out until the 7th inning. If you prefer you can also sit outside in the sunshine. For reservations or more information please contact Joe Kroczyński @ 876-2616 or jkroczynski@stameliaschool.org **DON'T DELAY ONLY 42 SEATS REMAIN**

Tuition Assistance available for Private Grammar Schools

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund's Pre-Application Forms are now available for NEW families for the 2019-20 school year. The BISON Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering Kindergarten-8 Grade. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2019. You can apply online at www.bisonfund.com For more information call 716.854.0869.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 16

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Msgr. Rupert Wright (birth) by Allen, Benson & Gerrish Families
Otello & Marianna Manna
by Laura A. Pegnia & Family
- 5:30 pm Rodney & Cindy Krysztof (living)
by Karen Cindy Stubbendeck

Sunday, February 17 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am William J. Cleary, Jr. by Goergen Family
Mary Capps by Michael & Tammy Bender
- 9:30 am Helen Labrushesky by Schimenti Family
- 11:00 am John Julicher by Frank & Dianne Riordan
Norrine Whissel by Courtney Robshaw
- 12:30 pm Ralph Sperrazza (anniv) by Sister
William J. Kilinskas by Bill Kilinskas
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Angelo Oliva by Richard & Mary Stanton

Monday, February 18

- 8:00 am Mark Sandekian by Friends
Rev. David I. Richards (Living) by Friends

Tuesday, February 19

- 7:00 am Luisa Vargas by Daughter, Edith Varbanov
- 8:00 am Michael A. Smith by Family
Rita McGorry by Family Medical Pharmacy
- 12:00 pm Elizabeth Luthringer by Marilyn Boehler
Timothy P. Burke by Maureen Fassl

Wednesday, February 20

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Kevin Gaiser by Rick & Beth Gerrish
Wanda S. Kopec by Priests of St. Gregory's
- 12:00 pm Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Joan Gugliuzza (birth) by Family

Thursday, February 21- St. Peter Damian

- 7:00 am Guido Scotto by St. Vincent de Paul Society
- 8:00 am David Bartels by Christ Family
Larry Spoto by Charles Heimerl
- 12:00 pm Catherine Parks by Burns Family
Charlotte Zawada
by Peg & Marilyn Boehler

Friday, February 22

- 7:00 am Jean Stefano by Caputi Family
- 8:00 am John Tronolone (birth)
by Melody Tronolone
LCPL Jan Iacono Potter & 22nd MEU
by Mother, Paula Iacono
- 12:00 pm Jim Bachraty by Dolores Connors
Decd. Members of Flynn & Meek Families
by Family

Saturday, February 23

- 8:00 am Leon T. Dulski by Davis Family
Eugene Ryan (living)
by Karen & Kirk Stubbendeck

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Frances Sperrazza (anniv) by Daughter
Henry W. Domagala
by Tichenor & Damagala Families
- 5:30 pm Ruth Mahoney by Pat & Sharon Mahoney

Sunday, February 24 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Phillip Tricoli (anniv)
by Mrs. Theresa Tricoli & Children
Patricia Vigneron by Mary Jane Cercone
- 9:30 am Nico Christopher Van Remmen
by Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Anibaldi
Daniel T. Kirst by James & Sharon Kulach
- 11:00 am Teresa Pilarski by Richard & Mary Stanton
Rita McGorry by Irma Narduzzo & Family
- 12:30 pm Joan Marinaccio
by Mitch & Michele Staskiewicz
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Frank Spina by Dsouza Family

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SATURDAY: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am; 12:30 & 4:30 pm

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

WEEKDAYS: (Monday-Friday) 7:00, 8:00 & 12:00 noon; (Saturday) 8:00 am only.

For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed via the Web at: www.stgregs.org

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Sacraments

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of six babies, ceremony only. All parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to attend the Pre-Baptismal class at least two months prior to the Baptism. The class is held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, in the Ministry Center, Room 2. If you have had another child baptized within the last three years, you may attend the class or come to the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. Call Jo at 688-5678 to register.

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

First Fridays: 8:30-9:00 am; Saturdays: 2:30-3:45 pm, other times on request.

WEDDINGS

Celebrated on Fridays (5:00 pm and 6:30 pm) and on Saturdays (10:00 am, 12 noon, and 2:00 pm). Either the bride or the groom must be a parishioner.

Marriage Preparation – Engaged couples should call the Parish Office at least six months before their wedding to make an appointment with a priest.

MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS

Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678.

Please call the Parish Office to arrange to receive Holy Communion at home or to report the hospitalization of a parishioner.

Anointing of the Sick – This Sacrament is administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

Prayer and Devotion

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PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am, Church; Monday-Friday, 12:30 pm, Church;
Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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